

CHAUNCEY W. FULLER.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 395.]

MARCH 19, 1860.

Mr. F. W. KELLOGG, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Chauncey W. Fuller, report:

That they have carefully examined the proofs in the case, from which it appears that the petitioner was in the service of the United States in the war of 1812 between the United States and Great Britain; that he enlisted therein on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1812, at Middlebury, Vermont, in Captain Butler's company of the second regiment of light dragoons; that he was in active service until 1816; that the petitioner was in service under General Dearborn; was afterwards selected and sent to Greenbush, in the State of New York, for the purpose of military drill; was afterwards appointed orderly sergeant, and served under General Hampton. In February, 1814, he proceeded, under the command of General Wilkinson, to Cole's Mills, and was in an engagement with the enemy. In the month of July following he went to Chazee and Champlain, under General Izard, acting as drill master; returned to Plattsburg in August, where he remained acting as sergeant, under the command of General McComb; that he was severely wounded by being fired upon by a party of the enemy while reconnoitring at the command of General McComb; the wound was in his right thigh, near the groin. Before the wound healed he performed light duty, in the discharge of which the petitioner got thoroughly wet, and took cold in the wound, and was confined for six weeks. After which he was appointed provision marshal, which position he held until after the consolidation of the peace establishment at the close of 1815, when he was transferred to the corps of artillery, in Captain Churchill's company, of which company he was appointed orderly sergeant. In the summer of 1816 he went to Governor's Island, New York, and was discharged in October of that year. It appears that the petitioner filed an application and papers in the Pension office for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act of Congress granting pensions to invalid soldiers; and that the application was rejected on the grounds "that he was not discharged until two years after he was wounded, and then, that he was so good a man that he had to furnish two substitutes;" and the Commissioner

remarks that "from those facts it is not conceived how his present disability can be attributed solely to the wounds he received forty years ago."

It appears from the evidence that he is entirely disabled, and from his own affidavit and that of several surgeons that such disability is in consequence of the wounds received as above stated. Your committee therefore concur in recommending that he be placed upon the invalid pension rolls from the 1st day of April, 1858, at the rates allowed by law for an orderly sergeant, and to continue during his life.

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